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In an unprecedented display of community cooperation, the County Board of Commissioners joined forces with the Beaver County Chamber of Commerce, the Beaver County Corporation for Economic Development and the Beaver County Redevelopment Authority to form the **Beaver County Economic Development Partnership**. The new partnership organization will be identified as “**376**.”

The new Partnership was authorized by a Resolution of the Board of Commissioners for the period of September, 2015 through August, 2016 as the coalition organization designed “to facilitate and encourage cooperation in economic development efforts for the County of Beaver.” [See attached Resolution No. 082715-21 executed by all three County Commissioners.]

“A coordinated approach to economic development is essential so we can move Beaver County forward in 2015 and beyond. We speak with one voice when it comes to attracting new opportunities for our residents and laying the foundation for future progress” commented Tony Amadio, Chairman of the Beaver County Board of Commissioners.

In addition to the County’s Resolution noted above, all entities of “**376**” executed a **Beaver County Economic Development Partnership Memorandum of Understanding** detailing the background, principles, rules and responsibilities of all Partners. [See attached Memorandum of Understanding.] The Memorandum was signed by all three County Commissioners, the President of the County Chamber of Commerce, the President of the Corporation for Economic Development and the Executive Director of the County Redevelopment Authority. *“The Memorandum of Understanding details all of the founding principles of the Beaver County*

***Economic Development Partnership.** There is no doubt in my mind that Beaver County is well-positioned to generate substantial economic development progress on behalf of our citizens. County government, the business community, the non-profit sector and unions of the Beaver County Building Trades will collaborate and cooperate with local and regional economic development entities to advance our common goal: building and sustaining a stronger and more prosperous Beaver County through public-private partnerships,”* offered County Commissioner Joe Spanik.

A second Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners further demonstrates their commitment for a successful **Beaver County Economic Development Partnership** to promote economic development in the County and the entire southwest Pennsylvania region. Commissioners authorized the expenditure of up to \$15,000. in County dollars in 2015 and up to \$ 75,000. in 2016 as its pro rata share of expenses incurred by the **Partnership**. [See attached Resolution Number 102215-26 signed by all three County Commissioners.] Additionally, the Corporation for Economic Development has pledged \$ 25,000. in support of this effort in 2016, the Chamber of Commerce has pledged \$ 2,500. in 2016 and the Redevelopment Authority has pledged \$ 1,000. in 2016.

*“I firmly believe that economic development progress in the future relies upon cooperation between community leaders responsible for such important work. The **Memorandum of Understanding** and the supportive Resolutions passed by the Board of Commissioners allow us, for the first time in the history of Beaver County, to speak with one voice on these matters. I applaud all the Partners for their willingness to work together for true economic development progress,”* said County Commissioner Dennis Nichols.

“The Beaver County Chamber of Commerce’s focus is on our community, a prosperous economy and the quality of life in Beaver County and the region. Our Economic Development Partnership, as a private-public effort, allows individual entities responsible for economic development in Beaver County to come together and speak with one voice. Our message is clear: Beaver County is open for business” commented Kathy Bingle, Immediate Past Chair of the Beaver County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.

“The Corporation for Economic Development is eager to participate in the Economic Development Partnership. The coordinated efforts envisioned by the Partnership will allow us to better serve our customers and fulfill the mission of promoting job creation and private investment in Beaver County. To that end, CED is pledging a \$ 25,000. contribution in 2016 to assure that the Partnership is on firm ground during its first full-year of operation,” said Jim Palmer, President of the Beaver County Corporation for Economic Development.

“The Redevelopment Authority believes our Economic Development Partnership will promote enhanced coordination and communication among business, government and private entities associated with economic development and redevelopment in Beaver County. Such progress will result in economic development growth that is both desirable and consistent with the goals and objectives of Beaver County, its municipalities and the entire southwestern Pennsylvania region,” reflected Frank Mancini, Jr., Executive Director of the Beaver County Redevelopment Authority.

The founding partners recognize that long-term success for “376” as an organization, and the communities it serves, will be achieved by working closely with regional leaders who share our goals for the I-376 corridor. County governments, local municipalities, business, labor, education and non-governmental organizations are all invested in our communities and economic development. They will benefit from “376” for years to come.

“376” will provide updated information on economic development through the Partnership’s website, www.376partnership.org . It is currently under construction and will be launched in the near future.

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Memorandum of Understanding

BEAVER COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP

Beaver County Chamber of Commerce

Beaver County Board of Commissioners

Beaver County Corporation for
Economic Development

Beaver County Redevelopment Authority

I. Background and Intent

This Memorandum of Understanding entered into September 1, 2015 is between Beaver County Chamber of Commerce, Beaver County Board of Commissioners, Beaver County Corporation for Economic Development, and Beaver County Redevelopment Authority.

WHEREAS, the sole purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding is to form the Beaver County Economic Development Partnership in order to facilitate and encourage cooperation in economic development efforts for the County of Beaver.

WHEREAS, all parties under this Memorandum of Understanding, shall act in an independent capacity and not as an officer, agent, employee, joint venturer, partner or associate of the other party.

II. Guiding Principles

WHEREAS, all parties under this Memorandum of Understanding jointly recognize that through collaboration and partnership the individual entities responsible for economic development in Beaver County can come together to facilitate a coordinated and strategic Public/Private approach to economic development. The goals of the Partnership may include but not be limited to:

- To facilitate an efficient and helpful process for economic development resources and initiatives.
- To collaborate and cooperate with local and regional economic development entities.
- To market Beaver County by developing a brand and high visibility to attract new businesses, industries, services, and residents to the area.
- To provide a central repository of information (dynamic, user friendly website) for easy access and navigation for businesses/entities wanting to start up, relocate, remain, or expand in Beaver County. This central repository will allow for a one stop connection to relevant resources.

III. Roles and Responsibilities

It is understood that each Partner may offer unique resources as determined by each Partner in accordance with their organizational structure and mission.

Individual Roles and Responsibilities:

Beaver County Chamber of Commerce

- Will act as the Facilitator of the Partnership by providing administrative duties such as communications, meeting schedules, meeting documentation, etc.
- Will provide financial support as feasible with the approval of the Chamber's Board of Directors.
- Will act as the Fiscal Agent if appropriate for any funds received for specific initiatives and will be responsible for administering and accounting for the funds.
- Will provide for technical and/or staff assistance with specific initiatives if appropriate.

Beaver County Board of Commissioners

- Investigate, communicate, refer, and help develop economic initiatives that are presented to the County, as appropriate.
- Expedite government approvals as needed at the municipal, county, state, and federal levels of government.
- Aid in developing and expediting potential economic development grants.
- Bring together and facilitate positive relationships among developers, financial resources, land owners, architects, engineers, organized labor, and municipalities.
- Provide the oversight and recommendations of the County Planning Commission.
- Provide appropriate funding to support the Economic Development Partnership.

Beaver County Corporation for Economic Development

- Will participate in regular Partnership meetings with senior management attending
- Will support activities that are mutually agreed upon by the partners and consistent with CED's mission
- Will act in good faith in its participation in the Partnership
- Will share information with partners, when and as appropriate, on project activities of CED

Beaver County Redevelopment Authority

- The RABC will be available to consult/communicate with entities that are interested in redevelopment and economic development within Beaver County.
- The RABC will be available to consult/communicate with entities regarding blight removal and potential associated redevelopment within Beaver County.
- The RABC will be available to assist entities regarding the identification of potential sources of funds for redevelopment and economic development projects within Beaver County.
- The RABC will be available to enter into contracts with entities to advance identified redevelopment and economic development projects in Beaver County.
- The RABC will be available to enter into contracts with funders to administer funds that advance identified redevelopment and economic development projects in Beaver County.

Collective Roles and Responsibilities:

It is understood that collaboration and cooperation is key in order for the Partnership to work effectively. Collectively the Partnership will:

- Meet on a regular monthly basis, unless otherwise determined, at an agreed upon time/date/place.
- Approve matters set forth by majority vote with each entity allowed one vote.
- Respect confidential matters.

IX. General Terms

Terms

This Memorandum of Understanding will begin effective the date of September 1, 2015 and will continue through August 31, 2016. This Memorandum of Understanding will be automatically renewed with the same terms and conditions annually thereafter except where either party provides written notice of non-renewal three (3) months before the annual termination date. Otherwise, this Memorandum of Understanding may be terminated in accordance with the section on Termination below.

Termination

Parties may terminate this Memorandum of Understanding by giving the other parties thirty (30) days prior written notice.

Confidentiality

All parties agree that by virtue of entering into this Memorandum of Understanding they will have access to certain confidential information regarding the other party's operations related to this project.

All parties agree that they will not at any time disclose confidential information and/or material without the consent of that party unless such disclosure is authorized by this Memorandum of Understanding or required by law.

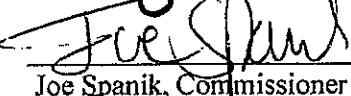
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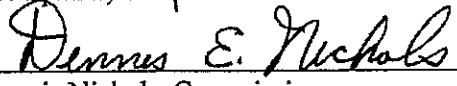
This Memorandum of Understanding may be amended only in writing and authorized by the designated representative of the Beaver County Chamber of Commerce, Beaver County Board of Commissioners, Beaver County Corporation for Economic Development, and Beaver County Redevelopment Authority.

AGREED BY:


Signed:  Date: 8-13-15
President, Beaver County Chamber of Commerce

Signed:  Date: 8-27-15
Tony Amadio, Chairman, Beaver County Board of Commissioners

 Date: 8-27-15
Joe Spanik, Commissioner

 Date: 8-27-15
Dennis Nichols, Commissioner

Signed:  Date: 08/25/2015
PRESIDENT ~~Executive Director~~, Beaver County Corporation for
Economic Development

Signed:  Date: 8/11/15
Executive Director, Beaver County Redevelopment
Authority

RESOLUTION NO. 082715-21

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF BEAVER, IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, APPROVING THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF BEAVER, BEAVER COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, BEAVER COUNTY CORPORATION FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND BEAVER COUNTY REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, FOR FORMING THE BEAVER COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP IN ORDER TO FACILITATE AND ENCOURAGE COOPERATION IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS FOR THE COUNTY OF BEAVER, COMMENCING SEPTEMBER 1, 2015, THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2016;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Beaver, a fourth class county under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED:

1. That, the Memorandum of Understanding between the County of Beaver, Beaver County Chamber of Commerce, Beaver County Corporation for Economic Development and Beaver County Redevelopment Authority, for forming the Beaver County Economic Development Partnership in order to facilitate and encourage cooperation in economic development efforts for the County of Beaver, commencing September 1, 2015, through August 31, 2016, a copy of which is annexed hereto and made a part hereof, is hereby approved.

2. That the Board of Commissioners, for and on behalf of the County of Beaver, is hereby authorized to execute two duplicate counterparts of said Agreement and the Chief Clerk is hereby directed to attest the due execution thereof and to affix the Seal of the County of Beaver thereto.

3. That, following proper execution, attestation and ensealing of said duplicate counterparts of said Agreement, the Chief Clerk is hereby directed to cause delivery of the same to be made as follows: The one duplicate counterpart to the Controller

of the County of Beaver, and the remaining duplicate counterpart to Law Department for proper distribution.

Adopted this 22 day of August, 2015.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
THE COUNTY OF BEAVER:

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

Racey Patton
Chief Clerk

Approved As To Legal Form:

Bernard J. Pozik
County Solicitor's Office

Tony Amadio
Tony Amadio, Chairman

Joe Spanik
Joe Spanik

Dennis E. Nichols
Dennis E. Nichols

RESOLUTION NO. 102215-26

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF BEAVER, IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE ALLOCATION OF UP TO \$15,000.00 IN THE YEAR 2015, AND \$75,000.00 IN THE YEAR 2016, FOR THE COUNTY'S PRO RATA SHARE OF EXPENSES INCURRED BY THE BEAVER COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP IN IMPLEMENTING ITS GUIDING PRINCIPLES;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Beaver, a fourth class county under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED:

1. That, the Resolution approving and authorizing the allocation of up to \$15,000.00 in the year 2015, and \$75,000.00 in the year 2016, for the County's pro rata share of expenses incurred by the Beaver County Economic Development Partnership in implementing its guiding principles, a copy of which is annexed hereto and made a part hereof, is hereby approved.

2. That the Board of Commissioners, for and on behalf of the County of Beaver, is hereby authorized to execute said instant Resolution and the Chief Clerk is hereby directed to attest the due execution thereof and to affix the Seal of the County of Beaver thereto.

3. That, following proper execution, attestation and ensealing of said duplicate counterparts of said Agreement, the Chief Clerk is hereby directed to cause delivery of the same to be made as follows: The one duplicate counterpart to the Controller of the County of Beaver, and the remaining duplicate counterpart to Law Department for proper distribution.